

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, the United States of America suffered a tremendous act of terrorism on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the strength, vitality and endurance of our nation and her people was challenged by the grief and sadness cause by such a devastating attack on the World Trade Center of New York City, and the Pentagon in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the New York and Washington D.C. firefighters and police officers reached out to those in distress, advancing into the flames even as thousands fled; and

WHEREAS, 343 selfless New York firefighters, with exemplary valor, made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in the line of duty, leaving families, friends and loved ones to continue on with courage and conviction of justice in the face of tremendous grief; and

WHEREAS, these tenacious and spirited firefighters and police officers rescued and comforted thousands of Americans and peoples of other nations, saving lives and calming souls amid the horror; and

WHEREAS, in the days to follow, firefighters and police officers of New York and Washington D.C. spent tireless hours, day and night to search for survivors, and in the days and months to come, to clear the rubble from the sites and restore life to a voiceless piece of earth; and

WHEREAS, The New York and Washington D.C. firefighters and police officers, have for the past eight months continued to aid the victims of this senseless act of terrorism, displaying indescribable courage, bravery, amid thousands of acts of heroism; and

WHEREAS, Americans will forever remember that day, embracing the blessings of spirituality, compassion, peace and liberty and gratefully acknowledging those who contributed so much to exemplify the American spirit of freedom;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim,

The Deepest Sense of Appreciation and Gratitude from the People of Idaho

to the New York and Washington D.C. firefighters and police officers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

PETE T. CENARRUSA SECRETARY OF STATE